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"ROCK OF AGES."

"Rock of ages, cleft for me,"
Thoughtlessly the maiden sang,
Felt the words unconsciously
From her girlish, gleeful tongue;
Sung as little children sing
Sung as sing the birds in June;
Felt the words like bright leaves down
On the current of the tune—
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

"Let me hide myself in Thee,"
Felt her soul no need to hide;
Sweet the song as song could be,
And she had no thought beside:
All the words unheeding
Fell from her lips untouched by care,
Dreaming that each note might be
On some other lips a prayer:
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,"
"Twas a woman sung them now,
Frothing and frothing:
Every word her heart did know:
Rose the song as storm-tossed bird
Ran the river in its flow,
Every note with sorrow stirred,
Every syllable a prayer.
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,"
Lips grown aged sang the hymn
Trustingly and tenderly,
Voice grown weak and hoarse grown dim,
Who beheld the promised rest—
"Let me hide myself in Thee."
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."
"Rock of ages, cleft for me,"
Sung above the coffin-lid:
Underneath all restful lay,
All life's joys and sorrows hid.
Nevermore, O storm-tossed soul!
Nevermore from wind or tide,
Nevermore, O lowly soul,
Will thou need thyself to hide.
Could the slightest, sunken eyes,
Closed beneath the soft gray hair,
Could the mute and stiffened lips
Move again in pleading prayer,
Still, aye, still the words would be,
"Let me hide myself in Thee."

FOR THE OLD LOVE'S SAKE.

"I feel, Mary, I shall be jealous of this cousin of yours. Already she seems to occupy all your thoughts, and when she arrives, I dare say she will engross all your attention. But, there, I will not scold you. Good night, dearest," and Philip Gilbert, my betrothed, pressed his first kiss upon my lips.

In the fullness of an almost perfect happiness came into my eyes as I turned into the house, and asked myself, have I lived the last few moments in a dream, or is it reality—has the love so long yearned for been given to me at last? I have known Philip Gilbert for many years, and looking backward then, I could not recall to memory a time when I did not love him. Tall and fair and blue-eyed, and with a symmetrical form of Apollo, Philip Gilbert would attract attention among a crowd of handsome men, and was some years older than he, and had never been regarded as a beauty. Yet he had asked me to be his wife. And yes, and yet in the solitude of my own room that night more than once this thought occurred to me: Will our union secure my future happiness after all? He was a man of quick and generous impulse, but with no stability of purpose and little strength of character. Those who believe that a girl is blind to the faults or weakness of her lover, know very little of my sex. I had formed, perhaps, a truer estimate of Philip Gilbert's character than any one of his most intimate friends. Still I loved him with all my heart and soul, and for no better than a woman's reason—because I could not help it.

My cousin, Gertrude Harland, arrived on the morrow. Her father, a lawyer of some prominence in Boston, had but recently died, and when we learned of her bereavement, my own dear father insisted that the orphan child of his only sister should make her home beneath his roof. I had not seen her since she was a child of ten, and she was now eighteen. As I held her hands in mine and bade her welcome to our country home, I thought that I never beheld a being so radiant, beautiful. She was a brunette, with an almost perfectly Greek profile, and the pure olive complexion, with just a touch of color to give it warmth so rarely to be seen by American women. The old farm-house where I had lived since my father, Mr. Maxwell, had retired from the active practice of his profession, overlooked the Hudson, within a short distance of Yonkers, a town which had not reached the importance it has since attained. Gertrude was delighted with her new home, and was never weary of dilating on the scenic beauties of the noble river she had seen for the first time. She was a week with us before she and Philip met. He was away in the northern part of the State, negotiating, I believe, the sale of some property which he owned there. How well I remember the evening that meeting took place. I briefly introduced them, and with marked embarrassment Philip stammered forth the usual conventional phrases. But his glance was fastened on her face as she stood before him with downcast eyes and a demure smile on the full red lips.

Philip's whole attention was given to Gertrude, and whatever powers he possessed as a conversationalist were exerted, it was evident, to make a favorable first impression on any beautiful cousin. When he had bidden us good-night I went up to my own room, and with an aching throbbing of my heart I sat beside the open window, and tried to recall the incidents of the past two hours. Was I jealous of Philip Gilbert? Had he only been courteous to a stranger, and that stranger my own cousin? Was this my loyalty to a lover, to nurture within my breast a woman's mean and pitiful suspicion of his fealty to a plighted troth? And while thinking thus Gertrude Harland entered the room. She seated herself on a low stool at my feet, and crossing her hands on my knees, she looked up in my face. I thought it was in a tone of raillery she laughed:

"He is rather a good-looking young man, your friend, Mr. Gilbert; or shall I call him by a dearer name?"
"Most people think Mr. Gilbert a very handsome man," I said quietly.
"But you have not told me, Mary. Perhaps, as those odious politicians would say, he is 'all astir' the fence, 'Less than a lover and more than a friend.' The lines very suggestive, Mary, and very tantalizing to a girl under certain circumstances."
"Mr. Gilbert is my betrothed lover," I answered almost defiantly.
"Why, I guessed as much. Yes, as you say he is very handsome, but you mustn't make a hero of your lover for all that. It is not good form, Mary, and men are so intolerably vain. Well, it is a sweet hallucination that lasts the lover until he emerges into the husband. 'No man is a hero to his valet,' it is said, nor is any man, my Mary, a hero to his wife. Did you ever hear this story about Sir Walter Scott? The guide led us to a Scotch laird once visited the great novelist's wife, and sniffed contemptuously at the shabby carpet that covered the sitting-room, and the wife of the man whom all the English-speaking world revered explained apologetically, 'Must make that foolish Scott write one of his ridiculous love stories to buy me a new carpet.' But, as you say, Mary, your betrothed is very handsome, and let me congratulate you."

At an earlier hour than usual Philip called the following afternoon.
"Mary," he said, "I've rigged up a lug sail in your father's boat, and it is just the pleasantest day imaginable on the water."
While addressing me, I felt his words were directly intended for my cousin, who the evening before incidentally mentioned how delighted she would be at a boating excursion on the Hudson. She clasped her hands with the pleasure of a child, and our preparation being quickly made, we went down to the river. As we took our places in the boat, Philip said:

"The wind is blowing down stream. Mary. Suppose we run as far as Spuyten Duyvil."
"Oh! what a funny name, Mr. Gilbert," exclaimed Gertrude.
"But you would know the legend that gives the creek its name, Miss Harland, if you see upon a time a Dutch trumpeter wanting to cross the creek, and not being able to find a boat, swore he would swim across 'en spuyl den duyvil.' But his Satanic majesty, it is alleged, indignantly at the challenge, when he had him in the middle, caught him by the legs and pulled him to the bottom forevermore."

Almost every afternoon for many days afterward found us on the river, often lingering in the shadows of the Palisades, when darkness had descended on the bosom of the waters. And the suspicion that Philip's love was being transferred to another, struggle as I might against it, daily drew into the bitterness of a settled conviction.

The day had been oppressively sultry, and portended an approaching thunder-storm. To seek relief from an aching head, I threw a shawl around my shoulders and left the house. The very stillness of the night was painful to me, and not a breath of air was stirring among the foliage of the trees. The full moon of the summer night threw the long gaunt shadows of the sycamores along the grass, and the shadow of a man and woman, too, standing by the orchard gate. My heart gave one sudden bound, and then it seemed to have ceased its beating. My recent lover was standing there, his arms enfolding the lithe and graceful form of Gertrude Harland. The shimmer of the moonlight lit up the pale beauty of her face as it rested on his breast, and her arm coiled stole around his neck, as he stooped his head and pressed a kiss of such passionate intensity upon her lips as mine had never known. I saw no more—I remember no more until I found myself in my own room lying prone upon the bed, and fully conscious at last of how basely I had been duped.

Presently I heard a knock upon the door, and my cousin's voice calling me in accents which seemed to me then as if modulated to a laughing mockery. I did not answer her, for I dare not trust myself to meet her face to face, and listen to the flippant utterances of a woman's insincerity from lips that had pressed so lately.

In the full of the storm at times I heard the voices in the room below; and then as its violence increased and the rain dashed in fierce and fitful gusts against the windowpanes, I sank into a troubled sleep.

How long I slept I know not, but I was awakened by a clamorous knock at my door and the voice of our old gardener calling in terrified tones:
"For heaven's sake, Miss Maxwell, open the door. The house is on fire, and there ain't a moment to lose, if you would escape!"
"My father," I gasped, as I reached the open air, "where is my father?"
"He was summoned to the bedside of some poor fellow who was badly injured by the storm, and he ain't got back yet; but I must go now, Miss Maxwell, and try and find some help to save the house if possible."

"One word more. Are my cousin and our servant safe?"
"Poor young lady, she was almost scared to death. Yes, they are both safe; you will find them somewhere round."

As the old man hurriedly left me, a sheet of flames leaped from the upper windows with an angry roar, and for a moment lit the scene round with an awfully brilliancy, and in that moment I saw the white-robed figure of my cousin rushing toward me. She clutched my dress in both her hands, and, crouching at my feet cried out:
"Oh, Mary! Mary! for the love of heaven, try and save him!"
"Save whom?" I asked, as I looked down on the white, upturned face of the girl who had wronged me. "Is there any living soul within that burning house?"
"Philip! The storm was so fearful your father insisted he should remain over night. He is sleeping in the visitor's room."

"Philip—Philip Gilbert, the man your beauty lured away from me, sleeping in that house? Do you love him, Gertrude Harland?"
"As God will judge me, yes. I know we've wronged you, Mary; but on my knees, though you never may forgive me, I appeal to you to try and save him from this frightful death."
No, I could not forgive her, but I would try and save his life at the risk of my own. I looked round in a wild despairing way, but no help was near. I remember rushing into that burning house and attempting to climb the stairs, but the woodwork had already taken fire. Tongues of flame curled round the balusters with a crackling noise, and the heat and smoke drove me back. Again I assayed the forlorn hope, and reached the landing above. I dashed my puny strength against the door of Philip's room with unavailing effort, and in frenzy of despair called out to him by name. Suddenly the door was opened, and Philip, half-undressed, was standing there, and a sob of joy escaped my lips, and, sinking in his arms, I remembered no more.

When I returned to a consciousness of rational existence, they told me that the excitement of that night had super-induced brain fever, and that the angel of death had hovered round my pillow for many nights and days. The summer was over, and I had gained just sufficient strength to come down to the sitting room in the evening, where, seated in an easy-chair, I sought to forget the past in the pages of some favorite book. It was thus that Philip Gilbert found me one afternoon. I had not seen him since the night that he and I so narrowly escaped a frightful death.

"Mary," he said, "I've called to thank you for the noble heroism that saved a worthless life."
"That worthless life is yours, Mary. Will you forget the past and let me try and make your future a happy one?"
"And what would Gertrude Harland say?"
"She, too, is willing to make the sacrifice." He paused, embarrassed, and his face flushed hotly.

"You need go no further, Philip. I know the rest. To a sense of duty or what men sometimes call honor, you would sacrifice your love, you would give me the hollow mockery of the name of wife while your heart was given to another, and you would as surely regret that heroic act of self-abnegation before the honeymoon had waned."

"I would be a faithful husband to you, Mary."
"Even while you loved another?"
His eyes were turned from my face as he answered:
"There is a fate in love, Mary. Philip, here, now and forever, this subject drops between you and me."

We can be friends, Philip, for friendship may exist between a man and woman, although poets and philosophers will not let us believe it. And now good-night, Philip, and God bless you."

I am a gray haired woman now, and as I write these lines to-night, a fair-haired, blue-eyed boy is calmly sleeping on my lap. He is Philip's child and hers. Poor boy! he is doubly orphaned, for father and mother sleep their last long sleep side by side beneath the palm trees of a Southern land. My father is this little Philip's guardian, and if by his own winning, winsome ways he had not already stolen into my heart, still would I love him "For the old love's sake."

Fashionable Flowers.
SPRING BLOSSOMS NOW THE FAVORITES—HOW THEY RANG IN PRICE AND POPULARITY.
Spring flowers, now in bloom in the hot-houses, are the favorites this month, although most of them are expensive. The late spring blossoms, such as clover blossoms, buttercups and daisies, are very scarce, but snowdrops, jonquils, crocuses and tulips of all kinds are plentiful and retail for \$2 and \$3 a dozen.

The red and yellow mottled tulips, called "poliparots," have a faint woody fragrance and make handsome centre-pieces for dinner-tables or plaques and stars for ball-room decorations. Scarlet tulips, in both the single and double varieties, are unusually large this year and look like lilies when the petals are turned back. A few placed in a blue or yellow jar make an artistic bit of coloring for the drawing room or dinner table.

Yellow calandulas, which resemble chrysanthemums, are among the early spring flowers and are very popular just now for corsage bouquets. A large cluster costs from \$1 to \$2.
The Jacquemont roses now grown by florists are exceeding beautiful, being much larger and a deeper crimson than those grown in the early winter. The blooms cut for hand bouquets have stems almost a half yard long, from which the thorns are removed and the cluster fastened by a broad red crimson ribbon. The leaves are left with the roses.

The new rose the "American Beauty," has become a great favorite. It is very large and a lovely pink in color, the petals being particularly heavy and closely set. A perfect specimen of this kind brings the good \$2 and a hand bouquet costs in the neighborhood of \$50.
At a recent reception the doors were ornamented with panels of pink roses and hyacinths, falling in a long loose garland. The effect was very pretty.

Belts of pink and red roses are worn with ball dresses. Garlands of roses and other flowers bordering the décolleté bodice are also in fashion.
At a debutante luncheon given last week the favors were pink and white hyacinths formed into the monogram of the hostess and held by pink satin ribbons embroidered with the date.
Pale pink crush roses are made into lamp and globe shades and used at entertainments. The heat throws out the perfume and makes a large apartment very fragrant, but the roses soon wither.

Forget-me-nots are among the most expensive of cut flowers at this season, and a very small cluster costs one or two dollars.
Russian violets have found a new use. Two or three of them are in each finger-bowl at dinner parties and lukewarm rose water is poured over them before the bowls are passed.

Farm Labor in Germany.
The lot of the agricultural laborer in Germany is anything but a pleasant and remunerative one according to the report of Consul Dithmar, at Breslau. The laborer, usually, is employed the year round, in summer working from 6 A. M. to 7 P. M., and in winter from sunrise to sunset. As compensation he receives \$19 to \$23.80 in cash, twenty-four bushels of rye, three bushels of barley, three of peas and one and one-half of wheat, together with free lodging and fuel and one hundred square rods of land for raising vegetables. His wife is bound to work in the field whenever required, and receives twelve to fourteen cents per day in summer, and ten to twelve in winter. A laborer's family consisting of himself, wife and five children under twelve years, can subsist for \$1.09 1-2 a week, or \$57 a year. Mine laborers receive from 52 1-2 cents (which is paid to foremen, engineers and carpenters), to 18 1-2 to 15 cents paid to women and minors. The average cost of the subsistence of a miner's family, including rent, clothing and taxes, amounts to \$122.82 per annum. The rents paid by miners range from 35 cents to \$1.19 per month.

MOTHER'S MENDING BASKET.

Over and under, and in and out,
The swift little needle flies;
For always between her and tidiness
The mending basket lies;
And the patient hands, though weary,
Work lovingly on and on,
At tasks that never are finished;
For mending is never done.

She takes up the father's stocking?
And skillfully knits in the heel,
And smooths the seams with a tender touch,
That he may no roughness feel;
"I had to mend them, my dear;
Don't be discouraged, but try,
And after awhile you'll learn to knit
As swift and even as I."

Then she speaks to a little maiden
Learning to knit at her side,
And tells her about those stockings
Grown and chaps and wide—
"I had to mend them, my dear;
Don't be discouraged, but try,
And after awhile you'll learn to knit
As swift and even as I."

She takes up a little white apron,
And thinks of the woe that
Of her darling when she came crying:
"Oh, mamma, I've torn my lace!"
So she mends the child's pet apron;
Then took up a tiny shoe,
And mended a stitch that was broken,
And tied the ribbon of blue.

The maiden was weeping of working
And gone away to her play;
The an in the west is sinking
At the close of the quiet day.
Now the mother's hands are resting
Still holding a stocking of red,
And her thoughts in the twilight shadow
To the far off future have fled.

"Oh, where will the little feet wander
When they have time to rest?
When will the bright heads be followed
When the mother's loving breast
Is under the spring's blue violets,
And under the summer grass,
When over her head the autumn leaves,
And the storms of winter pass?"

And a prayer from her heart she utters:
"God bless them, my dear ones all!
May the many, many years
"Ere sorrow to them befall!"
To her work from the mending basket
She turns with a heart at rest;
For she knows that to husband and child,
She is always the first and the best.

—Abbe Kline, in Ledger.

LIFE IN TEXAS.
A STATE SO COSMOPOLITAN THAT THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS PRINTED IN TEN LANGUAGES.
This State differs so materially from her sisters that everything concerning her must be interesting. Vivid contrasts meet you on every side, arising from the varied elements of the population. Of course the English or Anglo-American race is predominant. The Germans are numerically second, the Spanish or Mexicans third, and the Bohemians fourth. So well represented are the three nationalities last named that the Governor's message and State laws are printed in four languages, in about this ratio: 80, 000 copies in English, 10,000 copies in German, 5,000 each in Spanish and Bohemian. Hence four tongues are legally recognized, and there are four distinct styles of living to be studied on the soil. Add to these the Dagones, an entirely separate nationality. They are Italians and Minorans, who are almost exclusively engaged in fishing and in the oyster and fruit trade. They make a strange jargon out of our vernacular, totally dissimilar, but quite as queer as the pigeon English of the Chinese. These last, sparsely represented, confine themselves to the occupation of laundering, with the exception of a few laborers on the railroads. Yet in spite of their small number, so rapidly does vice gain ground, their presence has worked evil, for in every large city of Texas the police have had to raid upon opium dens.

The Mexicans scattered throughout the towns are thrifty and industrious, and generally quiet and well behaved. They can live on a mere pittance, and are contented as long as they can have their cigarettes and coffee. Many of them earn their living by making and selling "Tamales" and "Chile con carne," two modes of preparing meat which are appetizing in the extreme. They manufacture, too, a delicious candy—"nueces Dulces"—out of pecans and sugar, which they sell upon the streets and from door to door. Their homes and habits are rich in the picturesque, and would present some rare subjects for the painter's art. The old Dutch masters would have loved to perpetuate this scene: A low-roofed wooden shanty, a bare pine table, and long bench, on which sat three noted politicians, taking an evening lunch and concocting plans for the dear people's benefit! One is fair skinned and ruddy-haired showing his Irish blood; one a typical American, the third a French Canadian. Each has a steaming platter of "Chile con carne." Behind him stands the Mexican host—tall, dark, dignified, and grave, yet watchful. They are four perfectly contrasting types. Over them flicker the dim rays cast by an oil lamp, deepening the shadows, throwing half lights into the obscurity of the corners. A tiny hairless Mexican dog sits motionless on the door step, while the sign, written in both English and Spanish, swings creakingly above his head. Outside the darkness is pierced by long shafts of colored light that stream through the stained windows of the Jewish temple and by the pale glimmer of a lamp in the street car waiting at a switch.

Houston is an anomaly, even in Texas, for you hear no grumbling about taxes, while the people allow themselves to be governed by a Ring which public opinion pronounces undoubtedly corrupt. They are a patient people, evidently, and an energetic and progressive one as well. Buildings are being put up on every side, streets are being graded and paved, and sewers and curbs are being put down. So the city grows and spreads herself in territory, and she already covers a vast space.

This is the principal railroad centre of the State. The settlements along each of her ten lines present a different and distinct phase. One route gives you to perfection the negro element of the population. Another traverses the rich sugar lands, with all their interesting operations of sugar and syrup making. A third and fourth wind through a cattle country sparsely settled, where the cowboy reigns supreme. Still another leads straight to the great cotton plantations of the Brazos, the centre of wealth and refinement before the war. Two more open up the timber lands, with their population more like Canadians or Maine men than Southerners. Along another, the Central, are found thriving villages and towns differing little from those in the other Western States. The International passes through a sandy pine woods country, settled in most part by Georgians, Alabamians, and Tennesseans, agriculturists all, leading lives about as hard as do other new settlers on new lands.

On this road, about forty miles from Houston, a colony of enterprising Bostonians have located, laid out a town, sold the lots, and named it Centre. They expect to make this the most thriving place in the county, which is one of the oldest in the State and is thickly settled. As Centre really deserves its name, geographically its inhabitants are trying to have the country seat removed there from its present site, and they have a most excellent show for success. So much for New England push.

The Sunset road invites us, but before leaving Houston it will be well to say a word as to its appearance. Its people love to call it a city, and such it should be, with its many railroads, much wealth, and 35,000 inhabitants, but its appearance is very much that of an overgrown country village. It covers much ground, but is stragglingly built. Shanties and fine dwellings stand side by side. The best paved streets lack crossings, and the need of a cleaning brigade is deplorably apparent. It has no parks, no public squares, no pleasure grounds, no drives, a want that might be supplied by some of its wealthy citizens if they were only sufficiently public spirited. The principal business part of the town is disfigured by swinging signs and awnings, which, however comfortable they may be in this summer land certainly detract terribly from the beauty of the fine buildings that front Main street.

Vivid contrasts are perpetually recurring, and the Mexican life, which gives variety to the community in which it is found, presents some pretty examples. For instance, in a low-roofed, dark shanty lives a family of candy makers. A young man—alim, lithe and dark-browed—sits on the raised threshold, cracking and picking pecans. Behind him another stands at a stove stirring a great kettle of boiling, seething syrup, while a smooth faced lad draws an inspiring dance tune from the strings of his banjo, and a good-looking, brown-skinned woman rocks lazily to and fro in her wide, low chair, and sings softly in unison. Out on the sidewalk three girls dance gracefully and joyously to the spirited measure, while a circle of negro children, with whom mingle two or three ragged whites, stand around admiring the gay movements of the dancers. Two flaring gasoline lamps light up the scene, which is within the very shadow of the handsomest hotel in the State, and adjoining the most fashionable promenade in the city.

—Sun.

Men marry for fortune and sometimes to please their fancy; but much oftener than is suspected they consider what the world will say of it, how such a woman in their friend's eyes will look at the head of a table. Hence we see so many insipid beauties made wives of that could not have struck the particular fancy of any man that had any fancy at all. These I call furniture wives, as men buy furniture, pictures because they suit their taste, niche in their dining-parlors.—Charles Lamb.

You into whose hand these words of truth shall fall and find you intending to do some foolish or wicked thing to-morrow, or the next day, or to-day, or this very hour, stop! do not that sin! on your soul do it not! Fall on your knees and repent the sin you have meditated. Better repent the base design than suffer for the sin, as suffer you shall, so surely as God is holy and sin's wages are death.—Charles Reade.

Keep Your Friends.

People who have warm friends are healthier, happier than those who have none. A single friend is a treasure worth more than gold or precious stones. Money can buy many things, good and evil. All the wealth of the world could not buy a friend, or pay you for the loss of one. "I have only wanted one thing to make me happy," Hazlitt writes, "but wanting that, have wanted everything." And again, "My heart, shut up in a prison-house of this rude clay, has never found, nor will it ever find, a heart to speak to." Wear the weakest of spend-thrifts if we let a friend drop off through inattention, or let one push away another; or if we hold aloof because of one petty jealousy, or heedless slight, or roughness. Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against the jewels of the earth.—Christian at Work.

Wild Horses.

The wild horses of Wyoming and western Nebraska are compact little animals weighing from 800 to 1,100 pounds. The majority of them stand 14 hands high. In color they are usually brown, sorrel or bay. A gray is seldom seen, unless it is a horse that has strayed away from civilization. Their tails grow long frequently dragging on the ground, but their manes are like those of other horses and not growing to the knees as are represented in some books. The eye, probably from being constantly on the watch, is larger than the eye of the domestic horse, and even when tamed, the eye remains a distinct mark of the horse's origin. Wild horses when captured or tamed are superior to other horses of the same size. Many of them are used by the cowboys, and others are broken to harness and driven as carriage horses, being entirely trustworthy.

Opening Letters.

The art of opening letters addressed to other people and refashioning them so that no one will know, is a profession in Spain. In the postoffice they have a dark chamber, where experts inquire into things, and these have long since given up the use of steam for opening gummed communications. Even red-hot platinum wire for letters sealed with wax is out of date. The favorite means is with a knife sharper than a razor, which is run along the bottom of the envelope. The letter having been extracted and then replaced after the officials of the postoffice have learned what is going on, a fine line of liquid cement is drawn along the opening, the slightest pressure conceivable is applied, and the letter is as whole as ever.

Struck Him That the Family Was Getting Too Thickly Settled.
There was great rejoicing in the Tutboy family. The fly-by-night express had thrown off a precious package, marked eight pounds and a half, and as it was only the fifth visitation of Providence there was

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SPECIAL NOTICE.
On the label of each paper will be found the date of expiration of the subscription. If this date is wrong please notify us at once. If you are in arrears please remit at once.

New Advertisements.
The following new advertisements appear in this issue of THE TRANSCRIPT:

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—Lost—Bygone.
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—Wanamaker's.
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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

—Shorter make long friends.
—Get the best: THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT.
—The sun rises to-morrow (Saturday) at 6:48 and sets at 5:41.

—And yet doctors die! This is a big joke on the doctors. Josh Billings says: "We might have worse roads than we don't know what we would do with them. Let's let the doctors die!"

—Thimbles filled with India rubber are among the newest things in the notion trade.

—The weather on Thursday was as mild as a baked apple and overcast were superfluous.

—The Rev. J. Franco, P. E. of the Eastern District, will preach next Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

—Read every advertisement in this issue. They are all fresh, live ones for which people pay their money and get good returns.

—Ten men are at present at work on the freight house at Middletown station making the long needed repairs upon that structure.

—We have an interesting description of Washington Territory from a former resident here now located in that far off land, and will print it in our next issue.

—A small coral and gold star pin was found on the floor in the Odeon hall and the ball on Thursday morning and the owner may have it by applying at this office.

—There has been a great religious revival at Delaware City. One hundred have been converted. The singing school and twenty-five at the Presbyterian Church.

—Talley, the murderer of Hanby, near Wilmington, has been acquitted. A right-ous verdict, for, in the average observer, if there ever was a man who deserved what he got it was Hanby.

—Wanamaker & Brown present a new advertisement this week. They are a reliable firm and their goods have a wide reputation for quality and lowness of price. Give them a call when you are in the city.

—We are always thankful for items of news no matter what they are about, so long as they are accompanied by the name of the writer as the Odeon staff. We will make it an object for any one to send us such from any point and they can begin right away.

—Mr. J. B. Cazier's sale of stock, etc. at Mr. Vernon Place, Kirkwood, set down for Wednesday, February 24th, should not be missed. The stock is fine and all the property good. He will also sell at the same time two handsome dark bay driving horses, young, stylish, speedy and sound.

—A recent inspection made by Mr. V. J. Taylor, of Blackbird hundred, developed the fact that fourteen coveys containing in all ninety birds and averaging six to a covey, remain in place in this section since the close of the shooting season. This is a good showing and a promise of excellent sport next year.

—Messrs. W. Scott Roberts, G. E. Haddaway, McKendree Downham and W. Scott Taylor, delegates from the Peninsular Press Association to the convention of the International Editors' Association of America, at Cincinnati, O., February 23rd, 24th and 25th, will start from Middletown to-morrow and by gone about one week.

—Mr. H. A. Nowland, treasurer of the late fair association, wishes us to say that no more money is forthcoming and all depends on anything else and that the affairs of the association are being closed up as fast as possible and stockholders are being paid their share of the cash in the treasury at the time of the closing up of the affairs of the association.

—We have recently received cheques have received all that is coming to them.

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—Vigor is contagious whatever makes us either hot or cool strong adds to our power and enlarges our field of action.

—The world is upheld by the veracity of good men. Let those who are true and honest be the pillars of the world. Life is sweet and tolerable only as we are in the midst of such society.

—There is more poison in an ill-kept drain, in a pool of dishwashings at a cottage door than in the deadliest asphyxiation of the Nile.—John Ruskin.

—A courteous, dignified and Christian manifestation of affection is a most beneficent education in the family life, it is the most refining influence that can be brought to bear on the manners and usages in the home life.

—There are many boys and girls full of high hopes, lovely possibilities, and earnest plans, pausing a moment before they push their little boats from the safe shore. Let those who have the power of principle and who have good health to man the oars, good education for ballast, and good principles as pilots to guide them as they voyage down an ever widening river to the sea.

—It is not loving money that brings happiness, but earning it and using it, and whoever finds no joy in the process is certain to find none in the results. The secret of happiness here is in knowing how to make money without greed or avarice. Give us a word and we will prove every word of it. We are constantly adding new material and improving the capacities of our office as circumstances require.

—Mr. John W. Wright, of Middletown, had a narrow escape from serious if not fatal injury at Townsend on Monday. In crossing the railroad track the afternoon express north arrived at the crossing in time to demolish the rear wheels of his carriage, the horse and carriage with Mr. Wright having passed safely over the track. We do not learn that Mr. Wright was at all injured. Some boys were recently caught on the bridge at Townsend by one of the fast trains and were obliged to cling to the under parts of the bridge as a means of safety, there not

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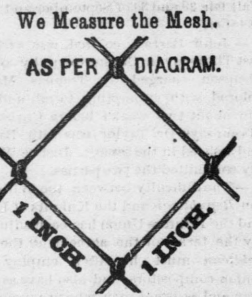
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Afternoon, February 19, 1886.
LIFE'S LESSON.
So that we live this life full and well,
No other need of us will ever be asked;
And though beyond our strength we may
be tasked,
That of our strength alone that we must tell,
No aim is higher than ourselves to seek;
And none more true than that which seems
quite ill.
Effect is never cause. The motive pure
Is not the end that's given. And time has
fame
More true than this, though it may seem
the same,
And men applaud it who are yet not true,
To what they lend applause. And over all
The same sun shines, the same dew equal
fall.
Few meet what they expect. The end we
crave
Is not the end that's given. And time has
fame
"This better so," though heart relief and
hand.
How low in longing. And every grave
Of every hope is but the birthplace of
Some new thing, that, true, or false, or love.

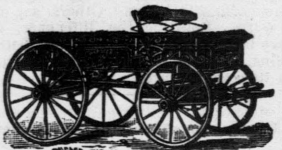
article is so abundant on the upper
Congo that in one of the villages of
the Aruvini an "ivory temple" is
said to exist, formed of a light roof
supported by thirty-three entire tusks,
many of which are of enormous size.
The chief local imports are cotton,
hardware, cloth, salt, crockery, guns,
and powder, the three first-named
articles being in special demand,
and forming in some districts the
actual currency of the country, so far
as it can be said to have any.
"The present time," says Mr. Stanley,
"the quantity of cheap goods
sold every year in the Congo amounts
to 6,250,000 yards;
supposing every inhabitant of
Congo basin to have just one dress
every new year, yards would be required
in Harper's Magazine."
Landlady—"Did you
key we had yesterday,"
Mr. Smith—"Did I know
indeed, why I loved her
think when I was a little
perhaps, after all, I should
longest, and the story
said,"—Boston Post.

Church Directory.
St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.
Rev. J. Deane, Rector.
Sunday services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m.
Prayer School 8.30 a. m. Sunday School 1.30 p. m.
Midweek Morning Prayer School.
Rev. A. Stangle, Pastor.
Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and
7.00 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at
9.30 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every
Thursday evening at 7.00 o'clock. The Class
Meetings are held as follows: Sunday 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Lead-
er; Monday evening at 7 o'clock, W. H. H.
Moore, Leader; Tuesday evening, at 7.00
o'clock, led by the Pastor, Wednesday evening,
at 7 o'clock, Alfred G. Cox, Leader.
The seats are free and all are welcome.
FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. W. C. Alexander, Pastor.
Services every Sabbath morning at 10.30
o'clock, and every Sabbath evening, from April
to October at 7.30 o'clock. Sabbath School
every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, D. L.
Dunning, Superintendent. Prayer Meeting
every Wednesday evening.
Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first
Sabbath of each month at 12.30 p. m.
A Real Necessity.
We presume there is hardly a lady to
be found in our broad land, who, if she
does not already possess a sewing ma-
chine, expects some day to become the
owner of one.
But after the mind has been fully made
up to purchase one of these indispensa-
ble articles, the question arises as to
what kind of a machine to buy.
It should be so simply constructed that
the most inexperienced can successfully
operate it. The other points mainly
to be considered, and which are the most
desirable, are durability, rapidity,
capacity for work, ease of operation,
regularity of motion, uniformity of
tension, and silence while in operation.
The "Light-Running New Home"
fills all the above requirements, and is
said to combine the good points of all
sewing machines, with the addition of
many new improvements and labor-
saving devices.
The price is no higher than that of
other machines, and every lady who is
the happy possessor of one may rest
assured she has indeed a treasure. See
Advertisement.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES.—Hiram
Cameron, Furniture Dealer of
Columbus, Ga., tells his experience
thus: "For three years have tried
every remedy on the market for Stomach
and Kidney Disorders, but got no
relief until I used Electric Bitters.
Took five bottles and am now cured.
I feel Electric Bitters the Best
Blood Purifier on the market."
A. B. Reed, of West Liberty, Ky., used
Electric Bitters for an old standing
Kidney affection and says: "Nothing
has ever done me so much good as
Electric Bitters." Sold at fifty cents
bottle by Dr. J. Gibson Carroll.
This is the best season in which to purify
the blood, and Hood's Sarsaparilla
is the best blood purifier. 100 Doses
One Dollar.
What Sort?
What sort of morality is that which
satisfies a man in the non-payment of a
debt as long as his creditor refrains
from "dunning"?
What sort of morality is that which
satisfies itself in the non-payment of a
debt because it is a small amount—a
trifle.
What sort of morality is that which
seeks to evade meeting his creditor lest
he should be more plainly reminded of
his indebtedness.
What sort of morality is that which
satisfies itself in the non-payment of a
debt because the creditor is presumed,
by the debtor, not to need what the
debtor calls for?
What sort of morality is that which
satisfies itself in the non-payment of a
debt because of a failure in farming, or
other enterprise or undertaking.
What sort of morality is that which
gets offended when asked to pay a debt
which the debtor promised to pay long
before the time of dunning?
What sort of morality is that which
provides for his own wife and children
by defrauding the wife and children of
another man, dead or alive, to whom
he is justly indebted for things which
have been used by the debtor's family
for their own enjoyment or profit?
What sort of morality is that which
ignores moral obligation as to a debt
and pays only when the civil law com-
pels?
What sort of morality is that which
lightens the obligation to pay a just
debt in proportion to the length of time
since it was contracted?
In short, what sort of morality is
that which disregards the command,
"Thou shalt not steal?"
"Burlington Hawkeye" on Cranks.
What would we do were it not for
cranks? How slowly the old world
would move, did not cranks keep it
rushing. Columbus was a crank, and
at last he met the fate of most cranks—
was thrown into prison, and died in
poverty and disgrace. Greatly venerated
now? Oh, yes. Harvey was a crank
on the subject of the circulation
of the blood; Galileo was an astronomi-
cal crank; Fulton was a crank on the
subject of steam navigation; Morse
was a telegraph crank. All the old
Abolitionists were cranks. The Pil-
grim fathers were cranks; John Bun-
yan was a crank; any man who doesn't
think as you do, my son, is a crank.
And by-and-by the crank you despise
will have his name in every man's
mouth, and a monument to his mem-
ory crumpling down in a dozen cities,
while nobody outside of your native
village will know that you ever lived.
Deal gently with the crank, my boy.
Of course some cranks are crankier
than others, but a crank is a thing
that turns something, it makes the
wheels go round, it insures progress.
The thing that goes in for variety,
that changes its position a hundred
times a day, that is no crank; that is
a weather-vane, my son. You "thank
Heaven you are not a crank." Don't
say that, my son. Maybe you couldn't
be a crank, if you would. Heaven is
not very particular when it wants a
crank, my boy, it looks about very
carefully. Before you thank Heaven
that you are not a crank, examine
yourself and see what it is that debars
you from being a crank.

A Little handbook recently published
for a survey. He keeps this in his
along in quite promising fashion.—Led-
ger.

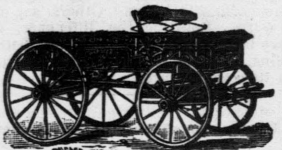
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NETTING
—FOR—
SEINES AND POUNDS
We Measure the Mesh.
AS PER DIAGRAM.

One Inch Square Mesh.
Parties ordering Netting or Seines will give
the length and depth required when on line.
We allow one-third for floating, that is, if the
Seine is to be 100 yards long and 10 feet deep
when on line, as per diagram No. 1.
100 YARDS.
No. 1. 10 Feet Wide.
We would make the webbing 10 yards long
15 feet deep when stretched, the same as a
rope, that is, the Mesh stretched as per dia-
gram No. 2.
No. 2.
In the absence of any instruction, we will
make as follows: In ordering, give net
description of what you want; leave nothing
to be required to result in no measure the
value before we ship them, the balance to be
paid on delivery.
Send for Price List.
BALTIMORE TWINE AND NET CO.
WM. J. HOOPER & SON,
No. 8. Calvert Street,
June 31st BALTIMORE, MD.
See Place mention this paper.

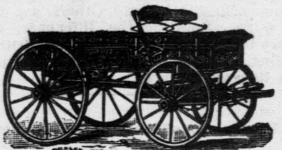
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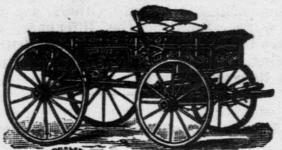
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"Castoria is so well adapted to children that
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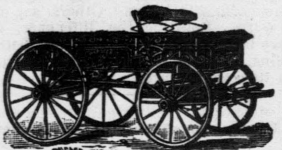
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WHY?
1st. It is to-day the only wagon made on Scientific Principles.
2d. It is the only wagon made that carries the weight directly against the
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3d. It is the only wagon made that the axle cannot be spread under any
extreme load.
4th. It is by far the most durable wagon upon the market. In fact will
outlast three of the common make.
5th. It is emphatically the easiest running wagon made.
6th. It is the lightest wagon made to-day, capacity considered.
7th. It has no superior at any price.
8th. It is the cheapest wagon offered in the market.
9th. In the manufacturing we use a high grade of Warner Patent Wheel,
combined with Malleable Castings made with the greatest care. We beat the
world and are bound to let the people know it.
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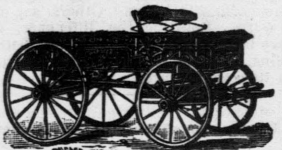
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Did you know we are selling goods way down low? No of course you
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the worm," so do the early wide awake buyer get the bargain.
You will find among the bargains
Cashmeres in Black and Colored,
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NOTIONS
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P. S. We have just added a full line of Scarfs, City Prices—City Styles—
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E. W. TATMAN, N. W. Corner Broad and Main Sts.
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NOTICE. "To Whom it May Concern."
Having secured the services of Mr. W. C. LAWS, the popular furniture salesman,
we take great pleasure in informing his numerous friends and customers of his
and the public generally that he can now be found at OUR LONG ESTABLISHED AND RE-
MARKABLE HOUSE, where his usual polite attention and honest dealings he hopes to con-
tinue to merit your patronage. Respectfully,
IVINS & BRO.,
55 North Second Street, below Arch,
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WHO WAS HURT?
No person was hurt, but the customers of the Central
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of both Foreign and Domestic Fruits.
A call will satisfy and pay you. Hoping to have the pleas-
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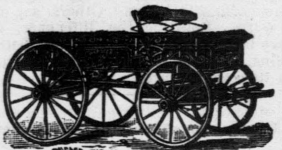
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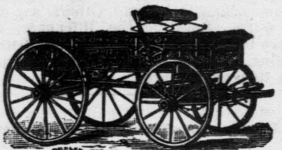
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